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October 25, 2000

Mr. Kenneth N. Weinstein  
Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
400 Seventh Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20590

00V-356.014

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Defect and Noncompliance Reports, DaBryan Coach Builders, Inc. submits the following information concerning a safety-compliance recall action that it has initiated.

## 573.5 (c) (2)

Certain 1998 through 2001 model year DaBryan Coach Builders, Inc. limousines produced using Lincoln Town Cars equipped with the 418 limousine conversion package built at DaBryan Coach Builders, Inc. in Springfield, Missouri from December 1, 1997 through October 24, 2000 are affected.

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A total of eight hundred fifty (850) DaBryan Coach Builders, Inc. Lincoln Town Car limousines are involved in this recall action.

## 573.5 (c) (4)

All of these vehicles converted with a wheelbase extension of 60" or more are affected. These vehicles are designated special purpose vehicles that are designed and built for up to 9 passengers. They were converted to limousines using the Lincoln Town Car chassis equipped with the 418 limousine conversion package. The tires provided with the 418 limousine conversion package are Michelin P225/70R16 which has a maximum load rating of 1819 lbs. The converted vehicles do not conform to FMVSS 110-Tire Selection and Rims, when equipped with the tires referenced above. Test results show that vehicles extended 60" or more equipped with this tire exceed the maximum weight capacity of individual tires when subjected to the "normal load condition" as specified in FMVSS 110, S4.2.1. and FMVSS 110, S4.2.2. which requires that weight does not exceed 88% of maximum load capacity of the tire.



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573.5 (c) (7)

This condition was discovered when Ford Motor company alerted DaBryan Coach Builders, Inc. of potential non-compliance. Subsequent testing performed by DaBryan Coach Builders, Inc. confirmed non-compliance and affected 810 vehicles shipped to customers and 40 vehicles remaining in DaBryan's inventory.

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Ford Motor Company is implementing a recall to include all DaBryan Coach Builders, Inc. limousines that fall into the non-compliant category. DaBryan Coach Builders, Inc has stopped shipment of non-compliant vehicles and will resume shipments after vehicles affected are equipped with tires that comply with the requirements of FMVSS 110. Ford Motor Company will assign a campaign number to this action.

Sincerely,



Dan Mitchell  
President

